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cc: Lou DiGuardia/R2/USEPA/US@EPA  
Subject: Re: What is going on here! 

We were under the impression that the filters were changed prior to our sampling, however you are correct. I just called Tutor Time, and apparently their HVAC contractor didn't receive payment for the first work they did and so would not perform the filter work until they received it. EPA was told they would have the filters changed by a certain date, and we put off sampling until after that date, however Tutor Time was late in sending the check to the contractor and he did not change the filters until recently (within the last week or so).

Regardless, I would not call the sampling that was done in April fruitless--it still accurately reflects the conditions inside the building. We have received the preliminary results from the April sampling, and the numbers are not higher than in previous sampling events, so there will be no reason to blame the filters for high levels. I understand your frustration at the seemingly glacial pace that things sometime move, however be assured that we were monitoring the situation--indeed, it was EPA prompting that caused Tutor Time to change the filters in the first place.

Finally, I do not think that questioning the capabilities of the group of people involved in this project is warranted. As always, we will continue to do our best to answer your questions and address your concerns, however I hope we can keep our conversations from degrading into personal attacks, as no one likes to be insulted--not even a government employee :)

Give me a call tomorrow re: a meeting date. All EPA'ers are available on the evening of the 25th.

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We have just learned that the filters at Tutor Time have NOT been changed or were not changed at the time air testing was performed. Meaning that the levels taking in early April will be fruitless. If high levels are returned, the results will be blamed on the failure to change the filters. And what does this mean for the children who are still at the center? I have to tell you I am a bit irrate about this. How can Tutor Time possibly be permitted NOT to change the air filters that were part of the remedial plan. And why is the EPA conducting any tests when they are informed that the filters aren't being tested.....

You know, the credibility of the people involved is hitting the zero level here!

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